

## The Origin Of Competitive Strength Fifty Years Of The Auto Industry In Japan And The U S

The economic environment is global, highly sophisticated and in continuous fast flux. The challenge for business leaders, executives and strategists is to read and respond agilely to trends and underlying movements to stay ahead of dynamic market flow and change. Creating Competitive Advantage sets out a compelling case for the business benefits of better market anticipation, and provides tools and approaches to develop a forward-looking strategy that will deliver these. Through theory, case studies and practical insights, the book demonstrates how better analysis of market trends and scanning of the environment combined with business model change and confident leadership can gain and maintain competitive advantage. With the right approach, game-changing strategy can be highly accessible for all business strategists and owners, rather than as today, the almost exclusive reserve of a few brave and instinctive entrepreneurs. With tools, assessments and models to get more value out of the business data you already have and take your strategy to the next level through analytically-supported intuition, Creating Competitive Advantage gives business leaders and strategists the toolkit to move from a responsive mindset to a leading one.

First published in 1997, this book contains contributions on policy aspects of networks from a multidisciplinary perspective, including economics, geography and transport science. Both material and immaterial networks are examined. Policy aspects refer mainly to interventions of the public sector in networks. In addition, the book examines the policies of other actors in shaping networks and the territorial effects of networks as a whole.

"This book examines current research in support of knowledge management by focusing on how knowledge resources can be used to create and sustain competitive advantages, combining imitation and innovation theories"--Provided by publisher.

When the war ended on August 15, 1945, I was a naval engineering cadet at the Kure Navy Yard near Hiroshima, Japan. A week later, I was demobilized and returned to my home in Tokyo, fortunate not to find it ravaged by firebombing. At the beginning of September, a large contingent of the American occupation forces led by General Douglas MacArthur moved its base from Yokohama to Tokyo. Near my home I watched a procession of American military motor vehicles snaking along Highway 1. This truly awe-inspiring cavalcade included jeeps, two-and-a-half-ton trucks, and enormous trailers mounted with tanks and artillery. At the time, I was a 21-year-old student in the Machinery Section of Engineering at the Tokyo Imperial University. Watching that magnificent parade of military vehicles, I was more than impressed by the gap in industrial strength between Japan and the U. S. That realization led me to devote my whole life to the development of the Japanese auto industry. I wrote a small article concerning this incident in Nikkei Sangyo Shimbun (one of the leading business newspapers in Japan) on May 2, 1983. The English translation of this story was carried in the July 3, 1983 edition of the Topeka Capital-Journal and the September 13, 1983 issue of the Asian Wall Street Journal. The Topeka Capital-Journal headline read, "MacArthur's Jeeps Were the Toyota Catalyst.

First Published in 1997. Knowledge and knowledge-based resources occupy critical positions in a company's value chain. The theme of the book is that organizational distinctive competences are asymmetrical accumulations of knowledge-based resources relative to a firm's competitors. These accumulations of knowledge and capabilities enable and constrain a firm's ability to develop competences in specific areas such as new product development. Knowledge and capabilities are sources of competitive advantage to the extent that they are non-transferable and non-imitable. The imitability of knowledge-based resources is a function of two conceptually distinct attributes: tacitness and tangibility. This book looks at how the evolution of industry knowledge influences new product strategies in successive product generations of the semiconductor industry. This book also makes some basic distinctions among the types of organizational resources that tend to generate unusual economic returns.

As businesses seek to compete on a global stage, they must be constantly aware of pressures from all levels: regional, local, and worldwide. The organizations that can best build advantages in diverse environments achieve the greatest success. The Handbook of Research on Global Competitive Advantage through Innovation and Entrepreneurship explores the emergence of new ideas and opportunities in various markets and provides organizational leaders with the tools they need to take full advantage of those opportunities. With a focus on economic growth in a fast-paced environment, this handbook is a critical reference for business leaders, economists, and students of economic theory.

This book takes a pragmatic approach to develop the competitive advantage of indigenous construction firms in the Global South, using Ghana as a case study. It provides readers with two major practical insights. The first focuses on the theoretical underpinning of firms' competitive advantage and develops a competitive advantage model for indigenous construction firms. This competitive advantage conceptual framework aids in explaining the main and sub-attributes underpinning the competitive advantage of indigenous construction firms as well as providing the basis for assessing a firm's competitiveness. Secondly, it highlights and addresses theoretical gaps in existing competitive advantage studies deemed essential for indigenous construction firms. Finally, a detailed two-stage Delphi study in the Ghanaian construction industry is presented as a case study. The book is therefore of interest to researchers in construction management, strategic management, civil engineering, business administration, marketing, entrepreneurial and economic studies. It is an essential manual for owners and managers of construction businesses. It is also useful for government departments and non-governmental agencies seeking innovative ways to develop the capacity of indigenous firms and/or contractors to make them more responsive to competitive bidding scenarios, delivery of projects, and satisfying the needs of the industry's stakeholders.

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Volume 28 of the Advances in International Management focuses on the opportunities and challenges for multinational enterprises that consider emerging economies and their destinations. It provides a forum for thought-provoking ideas and empirical research, and is ideal for researchers and doctoral students whose work touches emerging markets. Successful brand building helps sustain relationships with consumers, creating long-term sustainable competitive advantage and protecting businesses from market turbulence and uncertainties. Manufacturing processes can often be duplicated in ways that strongly held attitudes established in consumers' minds cannot. Branding and Sustainable Competitive Advantage: Building Virtual Presence explores the processes involved in managing brands for long-term sustainable competitive advantage. Managers, professionals, and researchers will better understand the importance of consumers' perceptions in brand management, gain insight into the interface of positioning and branding, learn about the management of brands over time and in digital and virtual worlds, be able to name new products and brand extensions, and discover how marketers develop and apply strategies to position their brands.

Research Paper from the year 2008 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: A, University of Applied Sciences Chur, course:

MSc Entrepreneurship, language: English, abstract: This report was commissioned to examine whether small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that target only a few market segments will promote their products and services more effectively than SMEs that target the mass market. The research draws attention to Porter's generic theory of competitive advantage by mainly concentrating on the third of his competitive advantage strategies, the focus strategy. Theory as well as a practical survey was used in order to falsify or approve the research question. Theory revealed Porter's focus strategy to have several key advantages over a mass market strategy which make firms pursuing such a strategy more effective in their product promotion efforts. First, a focused firm does not have to devote substantial resources into being all things to all people entailing less expenditure of time and money in comparison to a mass market strategy. Second, empirical evidence was found that customers do value specialized firms due to their focused capabilities. Third, a focused firm is less likely to be overwhelmed by great amount of different customer request and is more likely to identify and adapt to market changes in a quick time manner. Besides the advantages of a focus strategy, the research question is only supported when the SME makes bigger rivals to accommodate their existence in the segment(s) by creating circumstances in which the cost for the bigger rival in fighting the SME exceeds the cost of accommodating the SME. 27 SMEs from South Germany have returned completed questionnaires which were used to find practical evidence for answering the research question. Results revealed several tendencies which partly support theory. First, SMEs that pursue a focus strategy are more likely to do this with a differentiation focus

While many advances have been made in understanding the complexity of manufacturing and production engineering, the social and organizational context remains problematic due to the abstract nature of leadership and diverse personnel. Interdisciplinary perspectives to increase knowledge and understanding of engineering management and related processes are necessary in the industry. Enhancing Competitive Advantage With Dynamic Management and Engineering is an essential reference source containing scholarly research on the relevant theoretical frameworks and the latest empirical research findings of strategic administration in engineering. It also explores how to better merge, interrelationship organizations, management, and employee needs in order to increase efficiency, productivity, and profitability. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as business process orientation, diversity management, and enterprise architecture, this book provides vital research for managers, researchers, engineers, and other professionals within engineering and production management.

Innovation is a vital process for any business to remain competitive in this age. This progress must be coherently and optimally managed, allowing for successful improvement and future growth. The Handbook of Research on Strategic Innovation Management for Improved Competitive Advantage provides emerging research on the use of information and knowledge to promote development in various business agencies. While covering topics such as design thinking, financial analysis, and policy planning, this publication explores the wide and complex relationships that constitute strategic innovation management principals and processes. This publication is an important resource for students, professors, researchers, managers, and entrepreneurs seeking current research on the methods and tools regarding information and knowledge management for business advancement.

International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management is sponsored by Chinese Industrial Engineering Institution, CMES, which is the unique national-level academic society of Industrial Engineering. The conference is held annually as the major event in this area. Being the largest and the most authoritative international academic conference held in China, it supplies an academic platform for the experts and the entrepreneurs in International Industrial Engineering and Management area to exchange their research results. Many experts in various fields from China and foreign countries gather together in the conference to review, exchange, summarize and promote their achievements in Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management fields. Some experts pay special attention to the current situation of the related techniques application in China as well as their future prospect, such as Industry 4.0, Green Product Design, Quality Control and Management, Supply Chain and logistics Management to cater for the purpose of low-carbon, energy-saving and emission-reduction and so on. They also come up with their assumption and outlook about the related techniques' development. The proceedings will offer theatrical methods and technique application cases for experts from college and university, research institution and enterprises who are engaged in theoretical research of Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management and its technique's application in China. As all the papers are feathered by higher level of academic and application value, they also provide research data for foreign scholars who occupy themselves in investigating the enterprises and engineering management of Chinese style.

This rich collection of case studies highlights key marketing issues in an international context characterized by diversity of markets, competitors and consumers. Some of the cases require students to synthesize broader strategic issues such as: entering the global market; coping with international competition; managing the globalization process; adapting to rapid change due to worldwide developments; and weighing global standardization against customization. Other cases bring students' analytical skills to bear on issues of a more tactical nature such as: international market and competition; the collection and use of data in market research; evaluating communication effectiveness; and multifactor portfolio analysis. Together they offer a detailed insight into the practicalities of marketing across national borders and cultures.

The book outlines and develops an integrated and pragmatic socio-economic approach towards undertaking effective MNC strategy in emerging country markets. This, labelled the 'institutional network approach' (INA), applies a new strategic perspective to international business operations and emphasises the continuous interplay between institutions and networks in designing and executing global strategies. The INA integrates the shareholder and stakeholder viewpoint into a comparative holistic perspective of international

business strategy based on a broader societal approach.

Examines recent American history, from the end of the Watergate scandal to the hotly contested presidential election of 2000, describing the events, movements, and players that shaped the era.

The advent of new technologies has been an impetus for rapid development in several industries, including the area of retail services. These recent advances push industry leaders to infuse new innovations into their various systems and processes. Successful Technological Integration for Competitive Advantage in Retail Settings examines the various effects of changing markets and subsequently how these changes cause retailers to meet consumer demand by integrating more sophisticated, advanced innovations in their daily practices. Focusing on corporate strategies, innovation management, and relevant case studies, this book is a pivotal reference source for researchers, practitioners, and developers interested in recent innovation trends within the retailing industry.

Research paper from the year 2016 in the subject Business economics - Marketing, Corporate Communication, CRM, Market Research, Social Media, University of California, Santa Barbara, language: English, abstract: This research paper deals with Samsung Electronics: with its history and the competitive advantage. The economy and the culture in South Korea are also addressed. The last chapter is about Samsung's global marketing strategy, especially market entries and the marketing mix. International trade is anything but a novelty, it has begun before Christ, but the importance of trade has sharply increased since then. Nowadays we talk about global markets and it is necessary to be aware of the importance of global marketing, otherwise companies risk losing domestic customers to competitors with cheaper or better products. The Fortune Magazine scrutinizes the revenues of large global players every year and publishes a list of the "Global 500" that ranks the global companies by their sales strength. Samsung Electronics was number thirteen in that list in the year 2015. Thus it is worth looking at this great company and the corresponding environment more closely. The purpose of this study is to find out how Samsung shapes its global marketing strategy. As Samsung is a gigantic conglomerate with lots of subsidiaries I will restrict this thesis to Samsung Electronics which operates in the electronics industry. As Samsung Electronics is still a huge company acting in many business areas with plenty of products on several markets I will limit this research again to the business sector of smartphones.

Changes in the dynamics of economic activities since the last decades of the 20th century have yielded major changes in the composition of industries and the division of labor and production across different regions of the world. Despite these shifts in the global economy, some industries have remained competitive even without relocating their operations overseas. Industries and Global Competition examines how and why the specificities of certain industries and firms determined their choice of location and competitiveness. This volume identifies the major drivers of this process and explains why some firms and industries moved to other parts of world while others did not.

Relocation was not the sole determinant of the success or failure of firms and industries. Indeed some were able to reinvent themselves at their original location and build new competitive advantages. The path that each industry or firm took varied. This book argues that the specific characteristics of each industry defined the conditions of competitiveness and provide a wide range of cases as illustrations. Aimed at scholars, researchers and academics in the fields of business history, international business and related disciplines Industries and Global Competition examines the unique questions; How and why did the specificities of certain industries and firms determine their choice of location and competitiveness?

A rigorous analysis of how the innovative practices of emerging multinationals from the BRIC countries are transforming global competition.

Supply chain competence affects your bottom-line in more direct ways than you might realize. In this book we reviewed the role of controlling cost of sales through supply chain competencies and its effect on the corporate financial statements. The balancing act of maintaining a high level of service and low costs is becoming harder for supply chain managers as businesses try to meet the growing customer mantra of "more for less." This pressure comes at a time when business is becoming more global, supply chains are lengthening, and competition is on the rise. Although this challenge is not new, the outlook is that it will intensify as a number of factors; economic, regulatory and market-driven become more acute. Consequently, supply chain performance will have increasingly significant impact on overall business success.

How should firms' control systems be designed and used to formulate and implement strategies that will contribute to competitive advantage and sustained high performance? This book offers some thought-provoking suggestions. It contains empirical studies of such diverse manufacturing enterprises as Atlas Copco, Electrolux, Saab, Scania, SCA Packing and Volvo, as well as an insurance company and two chamber orchestras. All firms and organizations presented offer interesting and exciting insights, each in a specific way and each with a fascinating history. The book presents research on the relationship between strategy, control and competitive advantage over extended periods and at several strategic levels, while also taking into account the existence of multiple control systems in a single firm or other organization. Readers are offered an in-depth look into how changes in the environment lead to adjustments in strategies and control systems. It is shown, in addition, how difficult and challenging it can be to implement these changes, and why such efforts are not always successful. But perhaps most importantly, the book conveys an in-depth understanding of how strategies and control systems affect competitive advantage and performance. In both its coverage and focus, the book is unique. Not only does it provide valuable contributions to the research field of strategy and management control; it also represents a substantial commitment in terms of resources and involvement over an extended period. The book is highly recommended to researchers, practitioners, graduate students and all others interested in this area.

In the New Economy, intelligence will be essential for firms to gain competitive advantage not just information or knowledge. Competitive intelligence, or the strategic gathering of knowledge about competitors, climate, trends, new products, has a long and successful history of generating competitive advantage. In this book, Rothberg and Erickson demonstrate how corporations can combine their competitive intelligence gathering with their internal knowledge management gathering into one dynamic system. Using real-world cases from the corporate world, the authors show how the strategic use of this combined system generates measurable competitive advantage. Topics covered include how to develop your strategy for sharing and gathering knowledge across the value chain, sustainable product development and innovation, manufacturing improvement, CRM and marketing, and developing a corporate-wide global knowledge strategy. \*The first book to show how competitive intelligence practices can add value to knowledge management systems \*Written for practitioners, the book is filled with real examples from the corporate world \*Demonstrates how corporations can use internal and external information gathering strategically to gain competitive advantage

The purpose of this book is to focus on the contribution of one of the most prominent scholars in the strategy field, Michael Porter, from both a practitioner, that is Chief Executive Officer (CEO), perspective, and from a research perspective. Using such a dual perspective may improve the relevance of strategy research for the business community. Four leading chief executives, two from European multinationals (Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Unilever N.V.) and two from important Dutch public organizations (the Port of Rotterdam and the Ministry of Economic Affairs), were invited to reflect on Porter's contributions to four levels of analysis: (1) business level strategy, (2) corporate level strategy, (3) regional competitiveness and finally (4) national competitiveness. Against this background, the book is structured as follows: Chapters 2 to 8 deal with the four mentioned levels of analysis from a dual perspective - theoretical and managerial. The two final chapters aim to find out how Porter's theories are related to each other and whether and how the different levels of analysis can be connected.

The Occupation era (1945-1952) witnessed major change in Japan and the beginnings of its growth from the ashes of defeat towards its status as a developmental model for much of the world. The period arguably saw the sowing of the seeds of the post-war flowering of what some term the 'postwar Japanese economic miracle'. However, some scholars dispute this position and argue that the Occupation's policies and impacts actually hindered Japan's recovery. This volume addresses this question and others surrounding the business and economic history of this crucial period. The chapters presented in *The Economic and Business History of Occupied Japan* are authored by major scholars of the Occupation from the U.S., Japan, and Europe. The chapters are divided into three sections: 'Planning, reform and recovery', 'Industries under the Occupation', and 'Legacies of the Occupation era'. Following an introduction focusing on the historiographical background, the first section examines zaibatsu dissolution and its significance, the role of Japanese businessmen within the Occupation's reforms, the crucial impact of Japan's postwar Materials Crisis, and the impact of reform at the local level in Hokkaido. Part two looks at a number of individual industries and their development during the era, including the fishing, automotive, and cotton spinning industries. The final section looks at the human impact of the changes of the initial postwar years, including the reintegration of repatriates into the Japanese labour force and the impact of changing working patterns on society and family life. This book covers a key period of the economic and business history of Japan and presents numerous new approaches and original contributions to the scholarship of the Occupation era. It will be of interest to scholars of modern Japan, economic history, business history, development studies and postwar U.S.-Japan relations.

*The Dynamics of International Business* offers a comparative, chronological overview of the strategic and structural evolution of international firms. Organized around eras of global economic development, the text synthesizes research on the internationalization of firms, highlighting crucial turning points in the evolution of the international economy. A particular emphasis is placed on the relationship between historical evidence and the theoretical frameworks available for its interpretation. Each period is illustrated by a selection of short case studies from a variety of industry sectors, including the Levant Company, Nestlé, Singer, Saint Gobain and NEC. An essential textbook for courses in business and economic history, this book will also be a valuable resource for scholars and students of international business more generally.

Today there are over a billion vehicles in the world, and within twenty years, the number will double, largely a consequence of China's and India's explosive growth. Given that greenhouse gases are already creating havoc with our climate and that violent conflict in unstable oil-rich nations is on the rise, will matters only get worse? Or are there hopeful signs that effective, realistic solutions can be found? Blending a concise history of cars and their impact on the world, leading transportation experts Daniel Sperling and Deborah Gordon explain how we arrived at this state, and what we can do about it. Sperling and Gordon assign blame squarely where it belongs--on the auto-industry, short-sighted government policies, and consumers. They explore such solutions as getting beyond the gas-guzzler monoculture, re-inventing cars, searching for low-carbon fuels, and more. Promising advances in both transportation technology and fuel efficiency together with shifts in traveler behavior, they suggest, offer us a way out of our predicament. The authors conclude that the two places that have the most troublesome emissions problems--California and China--are the most likely to become world leaders on these issues. Arnold Schwarzenegger's enlightened embrace of eco-friendly fuel policies, which he discusses in the foreword, and China's forthright recognition that it needs far-reaching environmental and energy policies, suggest that if they can tackle the issue effectively and honestly, then there really is reason for hope. Updated with a new afterword that sheds light on the profound changes in the global economy in the last year, *Two Billion Cars* makes the case for why and how we need to transform transportation now more than ever. "Authoritatively prescriptive." --Tom Vanderbilt, *Wilson Quarterly* "Provocative and pleasurable, far-seeing and refreshing, fact-based and yet a page-turner, global in scope but rooted in real places. The authors make a convincing case that smart consumers driving smart electric-drive cars can find the critical path to a safer planet." --Robert Socolow, Princeton University "In this insightful and persuasive book, Sperling and Gordon highlight one of the biggest environmental challenges of this century: two billion cars. They rightly contend that we cannot avert the worst of global warming without making our cars cleaner and petroleum-free. Luckily the authors also offer a roadmap for navigating this problem that is both visionary and achievable." --Frances Beinecke, President, Natural Resources Defense Council

Due to the adverse outcomes of the recent global recession and the public deficit crisis in the USA and Europe, Western companies can expect flattening or declining sales in their domestic markets. They will also face growing competition as Chinese firms seek to block the activities of foreign companies in their domestic market and expand their own operations in overseas markets. Survival and growth for Western companies is unlikely to come from sustaining current business practices based upon utilization of conventional approaches to strategic management; success will depend on exploiting new knowledge to stay ahead of competition. This book examines the strategic issues associated with the entrepreneurial utilization of new knowledge to create innovative products and services, accompanied by the development of leading edge, highly productive internal organizational processes. Through the use of appropriate theories and illustrative case examples, the text is designed to assist managers in Western organizations and business school students understand how to counter the increasing threats that are posed by the globalization of companies from emerging countries such as the BRIC nations. Now beyond its eleventh printing and translated into twelve languages, Michael Porter's *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* has changed completely our conception of how prosperity is created and

sustained in the modern global economy. Porter's groundbreaking study of international competitiveness has shaped national policy in countries around the world. It has also transformed thinking and action in states, cities, companies, and even entire regions such as Central America. Based on research in ten leading trading nations, *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* offers the first theory of competitiveness based on the causes of the productivity with which companies compete. Porter shows how traditional comparative advantages such as natural resources and pools of labor have been superseded as sources of prosperity, and how broad macroeconomic accounts of competitiveness are insufficient. The book introduces Porter's "diamond," a whole new way to understand the competitive position of a nation (or other locations) in global competition that is now an integral part of international business thinking. Porter's concept of "clusters," or groups of interconnected firms, suppliers, related industries, and institutions that arise in particular locations, has become a new way for companies and governments to think about economies, assess the competitive advantage of locations, and set public policy. Even before publication of the book, Porter's theory had guided national reassessments in New Zealand and elsewhere. His ideas and personal involvement have shaped strategy in countries as diverse as the Netherlands, Portugal, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and India, and regions such as Massachusetts, California, and the Basque country. Hundreds of cluster initiatives have flourished throughout the world. In an era of intensifying global competition, this pathbreaking book on the new wealth of nations has become the standard by which all future work must be measured.

"This book illustrates, compares, and discusses models, perspectives, and approaches involved in the distribution, administration, and transmission of knowledge across organizations"--Provided by publisher. Chapter 1 examines the relationships between absorptive capacity and effective knowledge management through the analysis of quantitative data drawn from managers and employees in residential aged care organizations in Western Australia. Chapter 2 provides an application of system dynamics modelling in firms in the poultry industry in Bangladesh.

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Substantially reduce the largely hidden cost of fraud, and reap a new competitive advantage. As the title suggests, *Countering Fraud for Competitive Advantage* presents a compelling business case for investing in anti-fraud measures to counter financial crime. It looks at the ways of reaping a new competitive advantage by substantially reducing the hidden cost of fraud. Aimed at a wide business community and based on solid research, it is the only book to put forward an evidence-based model for combating corporate fraud and financial crime. Despite its increase and capture of the news headlines, corporate fraud is largely ignored by most organizations. Fraud is responsible for losses of up to nine percent of revenues—sometimes more. Yet, most organizations don't believe they have a problem and don't always measure fraud losses. This highlights an area for capturing a competitive advantage—with the right counter-fraud strategy, massive losses due to the cost of fraud can be reduced for a fraction of the return. Advocates a new model for tackling fraud and illustrates theories with best practice examples from around the world. The authors have close links with the Counter Fraud Professional Accreditation Board: Jim Gee is a world-renowned expert in the field, and has advised private companies and governments from more than 35 countries. Mark Button is Director of the leading Centre for Counter Fraud Studies, Portsmouth University, U.K. Organizations are losing millions of dollars to fraud. This book outlines a comprehensive approach to reducing financial crime and helping return some of the revenue lost to the cost of fraud.

"How do you gain an edge in the digital age? In this lively, accessible guide, Ram Charan, bestselling author and advisor to some of the world's top CEOs, dissects the changing nature of competitive advantage, illustrating what it takes for companies--old and new alike--to compete against digital giants like Amazon, Alibaba, and Google. In today's business world, good strategy isn't just about preserving market share or building moats to ward off competitors. In the digital age, the most successful companies look at everything through a single lens: How can we create a better end-to-end consumer experience? As Jeff Bezos says, "When given the choice of obsessing over competitors or obsessing over customers, we always obsess over customers." Filled with behind-the-scenes stories of companies like Netflix, Amazon, Fidelity, and Alibaba, *Rethinking Competitive Advantage* highlights the tools these behemoths have relied on to reimagine customer experience and build competitive advantage: platform, data, and ecosystem. These companies don't just develop channels of distribution, they constantly crunch numbers, use algorithms to improve products, and create an ecosystem with outside sellers and their supply chain, where a stream of new innovations reinvigorates the customer's experience and creates new sources of revenue. Today's companies imagine market spaces that don't yet exist, ones with the potential to grow 10x or 100x--and they are willing to spend cash now on the promise of exponential profits down the road. To execute their objectives, these companies build strong, nimble, team-centered workforces that upend traditional hierarchy, forming a "social engine" that drives innovation under visionary leaders. Whether you're in the C-Suite of a Fortune 500 company or brainstorming the next digital start-up from your garage, *Rethinking Competitive Advantage* is the ultimate primer on competitive advantage today, revealing the "secret sauce" behind some of the world's leading companies--and showing you what you must do to compete"--

Lean Production for Competitive Advantage: A Comprehensive Guide to Lean Methodologies and Management Practices, Second Edition introduces Lean philosophy and illustrates the effective application of Lean tools with real-world case studies. From fundamental concepts to integrated planning and control in pull production and the supply chain, the text provides a complete introduction to Lean production. Coverage includes small batch production, setup reduction, pull production, preventive maintenance, standard work, as well as synchronizing and scheduling Lean operations. Detailing the key principles and practices of Lean production, the text also: Illustrates effective implementation techniques with case studies from a range of industries. Includes questions and completed problems in each chapter. Explains how to effectively partner with suppliers and employees to achieve productivity goals Designed for students who have a basic foundation in production and operations management, the text provides a thorough understanding of the principles of Lean. It also offers practical know-how for implementing a culture of continuous improvement on the shop floor and in the office, creating a heightened sense of responsibility in all stakeholders, and enhancing productivity and efficiency to improve the bottom line. In this second edition, the author addresses management's role in Lean production. Early observers of Japanese methods focused on the shop floor to see amazing things unlike anything practiced elsewhere. And the thinking was, if the "methods" could be adopted by companies elsewhere, those companies would experience the success of the Japanese. What the early observers hadn't considered were dramatic differences in the way those companies were managed, both daily and strategically. The "management side" of Lean production is addressed in two new chapters, one devoted to daily management, the other to strategy deployment. Additionally, there is a new chapter that addresses breakthrough improvement and an approach to achieving it called Production Preparation Process. Every chapter has been revised and expanded to better tell the story of Lean production—its history, applications, practices, and methods.

Explores the ways in which an organization's existing competences can be enhanced as sources of competitive advantage - either enduring or intendedly transitional.

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